



A policeman fines a commuter for not wearing facemask as a preventive measure against the coronavirus, while travelling in car in New Delhi, India yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Biden to name first Cabinet picks

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Klain said the Republican president's efforts to overturn the results were a disgrace, but also ineffectual. Biden, a Democrat, is due to take office on Jan 20.
"A record number of Americans rejected the Trump presidency, and since then Donald Trump's been rejecting democracy," Klain said in an interview with ABC's "This Week" program.
Klain said Biden will announce the first of his Cabinet picks tomorrow but declined to reveal the choices. Biden said on Thursday he had selected his treasury secretary, adding his nominee will appeal to "all elements of the Democratic Party ... progressive to the moderate coalitions."

Candidates on Biden's shortlist include former Fed Chair Janet Yellen, current Fed Governor Lael Brainard,

Sarah Bloom Raskin, a former Fed governor, and Raphael Bostic, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.
Critics of Trump, including Democrats and some Republicans, have accused him of trying to undermine faith in the American electoral system and delegitimize Biden's victory by promoting false claims of widespread voter fraud.
"Fight hard Republicans," Trump wrote on Twitter yesterday morning as he pressed his unsubstantiated narrative of voter fraud.
So far, attempts to thwart certification of vote tallies have failed in courts in Georgia, Michigan and Arizona.
On Saturday, US District Judge Matthew Brann, a Republican appointed by Democratic former President Barack Obama, dismissed a

similar effort in Pennsylvania, writing that the case presented by Trump's lawyers claiming voter fraud amounted to "strained legal arguments without merit and speculative accusations."
"This claim, like Frankenstein's Monster, has been haphazardly stitched together," Brann wrote.
SOME REPUBLICANS BREAK RANKS
Some of Trump's fellow Republicans in Congress are now breaking ranks though many, including the most senior ones, have not.
Republican Senator Pat Toomey on Saturday said Brann's ruling "exhausted all plausible legal options" for Trump in Pennsylvania, and he urged the president to "accept the outcome of the election." Toomey also congratulated Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris and referred to them as "dedicated public servants."

Cops find no trace of rape of NGO staffer

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The court took cognisance of the report and summoned the BLAST worker asking her to appear before it to give her explanation. Muhammad Helal Uddin, senior judicial magistrate (acting) of Teknaf upazila, came up with the order after a hearing on the case, he said.
He alleged that the woman was traveling on a CNG-run auto-rickshaw from Hnila to Teknaf on the morning of October 8 morning, when BGB members at Damdamia check-post tried to check her.
"Identifying herself as an NGO activist, the woman had an arrogant attitude with the BGB members, who, at one stage, checked her forcibly. Then, the woman raised allegations

that she was 'gang-raped' by BGB men," Sajjadul claimed.
Earlier BLAST had released a statement refuting that any allegations of rape had been made.
"We have earlier been informed of the allegations of sexual abuse, not rape, at the check-post and have raised our concerns about the need to enquire into such allegations. We have not received any allegations from any staffer regarding 'rape' or 'gang rape' against BGB members and nor, to our knowledge, have such allegations been made to the police or any hospital. We are concerned that press reports included inaccurate statements about the allegations," the NGO said earlier this month.

The woman's lawyer Jyotirmoy Barua expressed astonishment at the nature of the accusation being made against the female NGO worker. "We wonder why they are talking about rape -- we neither claimed that they victim was raped, nor did she allege that," said Barua.
"The hearing is on January 14, 2021, and we will contest this case," he said.
The hospital's resident medical officer (RMO) Shaheen Md Abdur Rahman Chowdhury told this newspaper that her medical test has been completed but the medical officer refused to the results with media. He also said that the report will be submitted before court, if necessary.

DMP sacks 10 cops for dope test failure

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Besides, 29 others have been facing both departmental and criminal cases.
Of them, 10 are accused of peddling drugs, five of abusing narcotics, 10 of framing people intentionally keeping narcotics with them, and four of showing less seizure of drugs than the amount recovered and making financial gains, Walid added.
Asked, Walid said many of them are facing both criminal and departmental cases. After the criminal cases are resolved, they will face the departmental punishment.
He added that one of the 10 sacked is among the five narcotics abusers.
DMP Commissioner Shafiqul on November 17 said the 68 police

personnel who tested positive in dope tests should not have been recruited if they were found positive during their recruitment.
"If anyone tests positive in a dope test while in service, we consider that person is also involved in drug trading or helping such traders," he told this paper.
"Police members who are involved in drug dealing, collaborate with drug dealers or use drugs have no place in the DMP and in service," he added.
These actions would send a clear message to others that no one would be spared for their involvement in drugs. Many have already quit drugs and returned to the right path, said the commissioner.

The cabinet in principle approved dope tests as compulsory for government jobs on July 25, 2019.
Police officers since 2019 have to undergo drug tests during the recruitment and all unit chiefs of police have the authority to perform the test on any police personnel on suspicion of drug abuse or on the basis of any specific allegation against them.
"We announced a war against drugs and if drug abusers are among us, it is not justifiable. Keeping that in mind, the commissioner has initiated the dope test in line with the departmental case rules," DC Walid said.
"For moral turpitude and indiscipline, anyone can be terminated," he warned.

Amnesty Int'l

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associated projects may ultimately lead to the direct and indirect taking away of at least 800 acres of land of the indigenous people," the statement pointed out.
It said that rather than providing the community with necessary support to realize their own development plans, for example by improving access to education and electricity, the Bangladesh authorities are violating their constitutional obligation to "protect and develop the unique local culture and tradition of the tribes, minor races, ethnic sects and communities".
The statement also said that Bangladesh ratified the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Populations Convention, 1957, which makes it mandatory for the country to follow the articles in the convention, which includes "right of ownership, collective or individual, of the members of the populations concerned over the lands which these populations traditionally occupy shall be recognised".
The convention also includes that "arrangements shall be made to prevent persons who are not members of the populations concerned from taking advantage of these customs or of lack of understanding of the laws on the part of the members of these populations to secure the ownership or use of the lands belonging to such members."

British proposal

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meeting more than Pakistan does. According to Bhutto the Pakistan National Assembly would take the final decision on the question of recognition.
STANIS CALLS ON MUJIB
The vice-chancellor of Patris Lumumba People's Friendship University in Moscow, Professor Vladimir Stanis, calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Gono Bhavan today. He discusses with Bangabandhu the question of strengthening friendship and cooperation between the two countries. Stanis presents a special medal of his university as a token of deep respect of the Soviet People for him. He also presents him a magnificent wall carpet inscribed with a beautiful portrait of Lenin.

SOURCES: November 24, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

World's deepest

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able to watch divers at a depth of five metres is also planned.
"It's the world's deepest pool," Deepspot director Michal Braszczynski, a 47-year-old diving enthusiast, told AFP at the opening on Saturday.
The current holder of the Guinness world record is in Montegrotto Terme in Italy and is 42 metres deep.
The Blue Abyss pool planned to open in Britain in 2021 will be 50 metres deep.
Around a dozen customers came on the first day, including eight seasoned divers who hoped to pass an exam to become instructors.
"There are no magnificent fish or coral reefs here so it is no substitute for the sea but it is definitely a good place to learn and to train in order to dive safely in open water," said Przemyslaw Kacprzak, a 39-year-old diving instructor.
"And it's fun! It's like a kindergarten for divers!" Jerzy Nowacki, a 30-year-old forestry officer and diving novice, said: "For my first time, we went down five metres but you can see all the way to the bottom -- the wreck, the caves -- it's magnificent!"

Braszczynski said the pool "will also be used by the fire brigade and the army. There are many scenarios for training and we can also test different equipment".

Israel pounds

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controls Gaza.
Reuters witnesses said the pre-dawn strikes hit targets in Gaza City and the southern Gaza cities of Rafah and Khan Younis, where flames and plumes of smoke could be seen rising from some sites.
There was no immediate claim of responsibility from any of Gaza's military groups for firing the rocket. Israel and Hamas last fought a war in 2014 and have exchanged fire several times since, though the border has been largely quiet in recent months.

Dhaka-London direct flight

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London passenger flights from March 29, 2009 as the route was not making any profitable contribution to the business.
Bangladeshi passengers will be benefited with the resumption of British Airways flights as competition in the market will increase among different airlines including Emirates, Qatar Airways and Turkish Airlines who operate flights to London via stopover in their respective countries.
Insiders in the aviation sector said when passengers would be able to reach London directly, they can avoid connecting flights to the Middle East creating business competition among the respective airlines which will benefit Bangladeshi passengers.
Only Biman Bangladesh Airlines, the national flag carrier of the country, operates direct flight between Dhaka to London now.
British Airways is the flag carrier airline of the United Kingdom.
The airline is the second largest UK based carrier, based on fleet size and passengers carried, behind easyJet.
The government believes that the resumption of operations of British Airways will have a positive impact

on the country's investment and will eliminate the fears of various countries and organisations regarding the security of the country's main airport in the capital.
Mohibul Haque said British Airways has taken into consideration the country's development in economy and overall sectors as well as improved security system at the airport while resuming their operation from Dhaka.
British Airways, in a letter to the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh on October 21, said they had stopped operating flights from Dhaka as it was not commercially viable.
But since 2009, the situation in Bangladesh has changed a lot. Bangladesh is much safer now than ever before; the country's aviation sector has improved a lot and high economic growth is taking place.
"Our world-renowned services and modern aircrafts will give travelers easy access to the United States and Canada, in addition to the United Kingdom and Europe. British Airways will provide high quality airfreight services to Bangladeshi exporters, especially garment and pharmaceutical exporters," British Airways mentioned in the letter.

G20 pushes for 'equitable'

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The same therapy was used to treat President Donald Trump when he was sickened with the virus.
The green light for drugmaker Regeneron came after REGEN-COV2, a combination of two lab-made antibodies, was shown to reduce Covid-19-related hospitalizations or emergency room visits in patients with underlying conditions.
There has also been positive news on vaccines in recent days from US firm Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech.
On Friday, the companies requested emergency approval of their vaccine candidate, becoming the first in the United States or Europe to do so, with trials showing it was 95 percent effective.
Hot on the heels of these companies is a vaccine developed by another biotech firm, Moderna, which says its product is also about 95 percent effective.
But despite those developments, there are concerns that countries across the world will have insufficient access to vaccines, and G20 nations gathered for a virtual summit highlighted those worries.
The leaders also struck a unified tone on supporting "multilateral" trade as well as the global fight against climate change, but the closing document lacks firm details on many

of the issues dominating the virtual summit hosted by Riyadh.
The two-day gathering that began Saturday comes as international efforts intensify for a large-scale rollout of coronavirus vaccines after a breakthrough in trials, and as EU and other leaders call for G20 nations to plug a \$4.5-billion funding shortfall.
"We have mobilised resources to address the immediate financing needs in global health to support the research, development, manufacturing and distribution of safe and effective Covid-19 diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines," the draft document said.
"We will spare no effort to ensure their affordable and equitable access for all people, consistent with members' commitments to incentivise innovation."
The communique offered no details on how the effort will be funded.
There could be changes in the final version of the document, which will be released later yesterday by the Saudi hosts.
In a comment echoed by other world leaders, French President Emmanuel Macron said Saturday the coronavirus crisis was "a test for the G20", stressing there "will be no effective response to the pandemic unless it is a global response".

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HDPE Pipe Introduction Workshop was held on 17th November, 2020 at WASA Conference Room, Chattogram.

This workshop was held with the initiative of N. Mohammad Group with all the engineers of Chattogram WASA. In this workshop, High Density Polyethylene Pipe (HDPE Pipe), its uses, its manufacturing process, the materials it is made of, its installation method, usage process, safe water supply, its use in waste management, how to use liquid and various issues including gas transfers were discussed.

Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) cooperated overall in this workshop. Various experts of HDPE Pipe including representatives of SABIC joined the event through Skype from different countries.

Managing Director of N. Mohammad Group Mr. Nazrul Haque, Assistant General Manager Farman Tayoub, Senior Brand Manager Md. Sharif Hossain, WASA Deputy Managing Director Administration Ms. Tahera Ferdous, Secretary Ms. Sharmila Alam, Chief Engineer Mr. Maksud Alam were also present.

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